Budesonide EC

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What this medication is used for

Widely used for children with Crohn's disease.

Health Canada

Health Canada also approved for adults with Crohn's.

How this medication works

Budesonide works locally by reducing inflammation in many different ways. It is very similar to a natural hormone in your body, cortisol.

How to use this medication

Available as capsules, to be taken once a day. Capsules should be swallowed whole, but if necessary, they may be opened to sprinkle the small beads they contain in apple sauce. Beads must be swallowed, without being crushed, chewed or dissolved.

While taking this medication, it is forbidden to eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice.

Where treatment is administered

PHARMACY

Fill your prescription at your pharmacy.

How long to use this medication

This medication may be used to get your IBD under control. It will not be used to keep it under control long-term, but may be restarted in case of a flare-up of your IBD.

Monitoring during treatment

Regular blood tests, stool tests, endoscopy, and/or other imaging will be done to monitor for response and side-effects to medications.

Side effects

When taken as prescribed and for short periods of time, budesonide causes few to no side effects.

When to call my doctor

Please call if -
you want to or have already stopped the medicine.

-If you are concerned about any side-effects

-Worsening IBD symptoms, such as blood in the stool, diarrhea or abdominal pain

Vaccines

Live vaccines
-Please disciuss with your physician

Inactivated vaccines
-Safe

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